

## 26 ANGUS CORRIE FEE

Distance: 5 miles/8km Time: 3 hours Grade: Moderate





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Glen Clova is one of the foremost

examples of a glaciated valley in the UK. Its upper reaches form a great U-shaped trench. while glacial scouring of the steep hillsides on each side has left a number of hanging corries, from which streams tumble into the alen. At its head Glen Clova divides into two. The west branch is Glen Doll, whose forested lower reaches have an alpine appearance. Hidden above the forest. Corrie Fee National Nature Reserve is a green and peaceful haven enclosed by crags, backed by waterfalls and carpeted with green meadows and rare arcticalpine plants. Pick up leaflets at Glen Doll Ranger Base at the start of walk.

### **Start**

From car park continue straight on along Glen Doll forest road for 130m to fork at farm buildings. Branch L, signposted 'Braemar via Jock's Road 15ml'. Jock's Road is a cross-country route that became famous when an historic court case of 1887 declared it a Right of Way. Follow forest road for ¼ mile to T-iunction.

2½ mile/0.5km
Turn L to cross bridge over
White Water. Reach another
T-junction after 50m. Turn
sharp R on path immediately

#### **PLAN YOUR WALK**



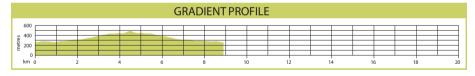
#### **ROUTE**

Start/parking Glen Doll Ranger Base and car park at end of Glen Clova road north of Kirriemuir (angus. gov.uk, search on 'glendoll'), DD8 4QS, grid ref NO284761, Is it for me? Mostly easy on forest roads, but the final uphill section on a gravelly path can become muddy after rain Stiles None

#### **PLANNING**

Nearest town Kirriemuir Refreshments Glen Clova Hotel 4ml away (Clova. com, Tel 01575 550 350), all facilities in Kirriemuir Public toilets 24hr toilet at ranger base Public transport None Maps OS Explorer OL53; Landranger 64

before junction (red & white marker post). Path enters trees and reaches fork. Branch R (red & white marker). Path climbs





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beside waterfalls and rapids of White Water as it passes through narrows of Glen Doll between craggy hillsides of the Scorrie (L) and Craig Mellon (R). Gaps in the trees provide picnic spots and views along glen. Path reaches T-iunction at Burn of Kilbo, Ignore L branch (red marker) and stay R (white marker) to cross burn on footbridge. Rejoin forest road left previously at second bridge over White Water.

1¼ miles/2km Turn L (blue & green marker). Forest road climbs away from White Water to Fee Burn and bears L along its near bank. At T-iunction where R branch crosses burn (blue marker) keep straight on (green marker). Track passes waterfalls and climbs through forest towards cliffs bounding

Corrie Fee. Continue to turning circle at road end and keep straight on along gravel path beside stream, passing occasional information panels. Path becomes rougher as it climbs to bridge over side stream, on far side of which is a notice that you are entering Corrie Fee National Nature Reserve. Climb last few steps to reach viewpoint at lip of corrie.

2 miles/3km Explore corrie, Descend the flight of wooden steps. erected to prevent erosion of unstable ground beneath, to reach corrie floor. Path crosses corrie beside meandering stream between hummocky glacial moraines. Go as far as Fee Waterfalls at the back before retracing steps to viewpoint. Note continuing path that climbs steeply to

plateau beside waterfalls (a strenuous hill walk).

3 miles/5km Re-descend path and forest road to bridge over White Water, passing junction with outward (white) path.

3¾ miles/6km Cross bridge and follow forest road along far side of river. After a few hundred metres Jock's Road, signposted 'Braemar 14 miles', branches L. Keep straight on along forest road back to car park. SW

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